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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This preliminary amendment to the above-identified patent application is submitted  
pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.115.

Please amend the application as follows:

1       IN THE DISCLOSURE

2               Enclosed with this preliminary amendment is a clean copy of a substitute specification  
3 labeled Exhibit "B," submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(3) and §1.125(b) together with a  
4 marked up version of the substitute specification labeled Exhibit "A." The Applicant requests that  
5 the English language translation of the specification filed in this case on May 21, 2007 in  
6 accordance with 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2) be replaced with the enclosed substitute specification of  
7 Exhibit "B." The Applicant believes that the substitute specification is fairly based on the original  
8 disclosure and includes no new matter. The amendments included in the substitute specification  
9 are formal in nature and made merely to place the case in a format more in keeping with U.S.  
10 practice.